

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/561,793 Confirmation No.: 3642  
Applicant : Guy VANCANNEYT, *et al.*  
Filed : December 21, 2005  
Title : METHODS AND MEANS FOR DELAYING SEED SHATTERING IN PLANTS  
TC/Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner: Li ZHENG  
Docket No. : 58764.000055  
**Customer No.** : **21967**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2008 (“Office Action”), in the above-identified application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including April 23, 2009.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned’s **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee (\$130) and the RCE fee (\$810). It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of these amendments and remarks, but should any fees be necessary, the USPTO is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 5.

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<sup>1</sup> A Notice of Appeal was previously filed on January 23, 2009.